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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8 line 1 with the following paragraph, which corrects a typographical error without adding new matter.

FIG. 9 illustrates one embodiment of a log message thread 900 associated with the logger object constructor 400 of FIG. 4. The log message thread processes messages placed on the logger's log message queue. Subsequent to activation 910, the log message thread may repeatedly obtain and process messages arriving on the log message queue 920. For each arriving message, the log message thread may dequeue the log message and its retention level from the log message queue 920. If the retention level has been set to equal terminate 930, the log message thread 900 may terminate 970. Otherwise, the error message may be added to the application thread's log in the log manager 940. If the log message's retention level is greater then or equal to the minimum retention level defined in the logger object constructor 400 of FIG. 4 or redefined in the configuration monitor 500 of FIG. 5, the log message thread may write the log message to the persistence mechanism 960. After the message has been written 960, or if the retention level is less then than the minimum retention level 950, the log message thread 900 may return to obtain process another log message from the log message queue 920. This process may continue until the retention level has been set to equal terminate 930, and the log message thread 900 terminates 970.